

In the claims:

Claims 1-10 cancelled.

11. (currently amended) ~~The fuel injection valve according to claim~~  
~~40~~ A fuel injection valve for internal combustion engines, having a valve body in  
which a bore is embodied that is defined on its end toward the combustion  
chamber by a valve seat at which at least one injection opening originates, and  
having a hollow valve needle, which is located longitudinally displaceably in the  
bore and which has a valve sealing face on its end oriented toward the valve  
seat, wherein a first sealing region and a second sealing region are embodied on  
the valve sealing face, and the hollow valve needle cooperates with the valve  
seat in such a way that upon contact of the hollow valve needle with the valve  
seat, the first sealing region upstream of the at least one injection opening and  
the second sealing region downstream of that injection opening effect sealing  
between the valve sealing face and the valve seat, wherein the valve sealing  
face has a first conical face, a second conical face located downstream of the  
first conical face, and a third conical face located downstream of the second  
conical face, wherein the first conical face has a smaller opening angle than the  
second conical face, so that at the boundary line between the conical faces, the  
first sealing region is embodied as an edge extending all the way around.

12. (currently amended) ~~The fuel injection valve according to claim~~

40 A fuel injection valve for internal combustion engines, having a valve body in which a bore is embodied that is defined on its end toward the combustion chamber by a valve seat at which at least one injection opening originates, and having a hollow valve needle, which is located longitudinally displaceably in the bore and which has a valve sealing face on its end oriented toward the valve seat, wherein a first sealing region and a second sealing region are embodied on the valve sealing face, and the hollow valve needle cooperates with the valve seat in such a way that upon contact of the hollow valve needle with the valve seat, the first sealing region upstream of the at least one injection opening and the second sealing region downstream of that injection opening effect sealing between the valve sealing face and the valve seat, wherein the valve sealing face has a first conical face, a second conical face located downstream of the first conical face, and a third conical face located downstream of the second conical face, wherein the third conical face has a larger opening angle than the conical valve seat.

13. (Currently amended) ~~The fuel injection valve according to claim~~

40 A fuel injection valve for internal combustion engines, having a valve body in which a bore is embodied that is defined on its end toward the combustion chamber by a valve seat at which at least one injection opening originates, and having a hollow valve needle, which is located longitudinally displaceably in the bore and which has a valve sealing face on its end oriented toward the valve

seat, wherein a first sealing region and a second sealing region are embodied on  
the valve sealing face, and the hollow valve needle cooperates with the valve  
seat in such a way that upon contact of the hollow valve needle with the valve  
seat, the first sealing region upstream of the at least one injection opening and  
the second sealing region downstream of that injection opening effect sealing  
between the valve sealing face and the valve seat, wherein the valve sealing  
face has a first conical face, a second conical face located downstream of the  
first conical face, and a third conical face located downstream of the second  
conical face, wherein an annular groove that covers the injection opening is  
formed between the second conical face and the third conical face.

Claims 14-17 cancelled.